

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**March 31, 2004**

**IN RE:**

**APPLICATION OF TOUCH AMERICA, INC. FOR  
CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY  
TO PROVIDE FACILITIES BASED AND RESOLD  
INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
SERVICES IN TENNESSEE**

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**DOCKET NO.**

**00-00984**

**Company ID: 128663**

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**ORDER GRANTING CANCELLATION OF AUTHORITY  
TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES**

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This matter came before Chairman Deborah Taylor Tate, Director Pat Miller and Director Sara Kyle of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on March 22, 2004, upon the request of Touch America, Inc. (the "Company") to cancel its authority to provide telecommunications services in Tennessee.

The Company originally filed its Application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to provide facilities based and resold interexchange telecommunications services in Tennessee on October 31, 2000. During a Hearing held on March 21, 2001, the Hearing Officer found that the Company had met all the requirements for certification and the requirements of Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1220-4-2-.57, which was promulgated pursuant to, *inter alia*, Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-2-102 and Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-201, and approved the Application. On January 28, 2004, the Authority received a letter from the Company requesting cancellation of its authority.

Based upon careful consideration of the entire record of this matter, the panel voted unanimously to grant the Company's request to cancel its authority.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

The request of Touch America, Inc. to cancel its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to provide facilities based and resold telecommunications services in Tennessee is granted, and this docket is closed.

  
Deborah Taylor Tate, Chairman

  
Pat Miller, Director

  
Sara Kyle, Director